Notes

June 6 - 28, 1934

THE AVENUE HOTEL
PRINCE ALBERT, SASK.
Canada

June 6, 1934
Township plots of
reservoir flowage areas
~~along~~ in upper Miss.
region. Write to
District Engineer.
U.S. Engineer's Office
615 Commerce Bldg.
St. Paul, Minn
Maps show contours
of [illegible] areas,

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June 6 con
Pokegama Dam.
Object of dam ~~to~~ assist
navigation from twin
cities down. Gen. scheme
is to maintain a minimum
flow of 400 cubic feet
per second below the dam.
~~[illegible]~~
This varies according to
water conditions. Dam
built about 45 years ago.
Great amount of wild
rice in this section in
Winnibigoshish Lake and
Blackwater near upper
end of Pokegama Lake
[illegible]. In normal seasons
water is [illegible]
[illegible]
Lake is [illegible] area
on Sgaw & Bowstring
(over)

Jesse Lane's Lake
June 7 - Off 9.40 a.m.
Ring-necked ducks, 8
[illegible] hole about 10 miles
west of Bagley.
Country changes to black
soil and more open
prairie west of Bagley.
[illegible]
Erskine (Small lake east
of) Mallards 24,
Spoonbills 4, Scaup 1
Blue-winged teal 12
Black tern (100)
[illegible] (Small lake
[illegible]), Mallards 7.
Indians kill ducks.
Charley Maesper, Bandy

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June 7, con.
A.M. Holt - Broken in Care
of Walker, Bagley.

St Regis	2.00 up
Royal Alexandra	2.50 up
Marlborough	3.00 up
St Charles	1.50
Royal Albert	2 up
Ft Garry	3.00 up

June 8, Fri.
Warren to Winnipeg, Man.
Off at 8.30 arrived 1 P.M.
Dead level farming country,
intensively cultivated.
Aspen - In patches
Sturnella (both)
Hardwoods along streams
(oaks)
Emerson, Canada 11 a.m.
Continued through same
dead level country
Crows - 16 in 10 miles
through grain fields
north of Morris en
route to Winnipeg.
Grain - short but very
green owing to recent rain.

June 9
Tom Lamb
Moose Lake east
of The Pas and west
of [illegible] from N.W. corner
of Lake Winnipeg,
In certain marshy
lakes Bufflehead abundant.
In general
Pintail
Mallard
Spoonbill
Canvas back
Bluewinged teal
~~Green-winged~~
Goldeneye - 1/2
Scoters in certain places
Woodducks some
Ruddy

June 9 Tom Lamb
Swans - about 500
stop on migration.
About 3 years ago a lot
of ducks died in fall
of some disease just
before migrating.
~~Just as many~~

June 11 - Netley Marsh,
Man.
Tern - Black - Forster's.
Mallards - 2 - 2 -
Redhead 2 - 2
Widgeon 3 - 3 - 2 - 2 -
Spoonbill 2 - 2 - 2 - 4 - 1 - 2 - 2 ✓
Blue-winged teal (more than usual
this year) 6 - 1
Mud hen.
Gadwall 2 - 2 - 2 ✓
Pintail - 2 - 1 - 4 ✓
Green-winged teal - None here
Pintail few here, mostly
farther north.
No geese here.
~~Nesting~~ (Dolichonyx [illegible] accidentally)
Lesser scaup 4 - 3 ✓
Ruddy 1

June 11
Ducks were obliged to nest
out in high ground. One
mallard nesting in a tree.
Canvas backs - Very few
nest here,
Bufflehead - Very few here.
Woodducks - Very few here.
Cormorant - One seen.
Geese - Saw a considerable
number of [illegible]
including "wavies" (Lesser
snow) this spring mainly just
one day when they stopped
near the ~~[illegible]~~ edge of the
lake.
Black mallard. Some nest
here and said to be increasing
Middle of August good time
to see ducks.

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June 11 con
~~[illegible]~~ [illegible]
[illegible] Indians ~~[illegible]~~ kill
ducks [illegible] they can.
They gather duck eggs and
[illegible] young ducks in
the egg.
Redheads, more than
usual.
[illegible] - Black cap & grey
wings.
Quill Grass - about 8 ft.
high in marsh.
Coots nests with eggs ~~[illegible]~~ on
floating marsh material in
[illegible] water,
Flood. - About 6 years ago
water was so high in Red
River that nearly whole
marsh was so [illegible] and

June 12 (Tue)
Winnipeg to Roy's near St. Ambroise
Off about 8.30 a.m.
In general area N.W. of
Winnipeg is great area
formerly extensively used by
ducks and shore birds now
dry. Much of this was
drained into the Assiniboine
River. Now also largely
grazed. Patches of aspens
stand ~~[illegible]~~ places.
Geese. Gibson says in
fall only Canada geese appear
and much ~~[illegible]~~ during about
month of Oct. In spring they
came back about April
6 and ~~to~~ remain until about
1st week in May. They arrive
usually a little ahead of

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2)
June 12, con
~~the~~ lesser snow and blue
geese. Latter often drive the
Canada geese off the ground.
Dried up areas are used
by geese in spring.
Prairie chickens said to
be abundant in this section.
Pheasants seem to be doing
well here.
Arrived at Eugene Roy's
Lodge near St. Ambroise
and near southern shore
of Lake Manitoba about
noon.
Scoters, 2 pairs
Canvasback
Scaup
Redhead
Mallard

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3)
June 12 con
Teal
Coot
Pintail
Yellow-legs
Teal - 2 with six small
young
Gadwall -
Bufflehead. - None said
to nest.
Duck. - One with eight and
one with six young [illegible].
~~Horned grebe.~~
Widgeon,

June 13
St. Ambroise to Delta
Off 9.30 a.m. arrived 5 P.M.
Teal - One nest [illegible] 11
eggs, another with 9 eggs.
Sioux Pass 10.30 a.m.
Teal, nest 9 eggs,
Noted here,
Canvasback - hundreds seen
Scaups - dozens
Spoonbills dozens
Blue-wing, 11 [illegible] in water
Yellow-[illegible]
Red-wing
Podilymbus [illegible],
Flea Island
Scoter - 1 pr.
(Canvasbacks [illegible])

June 13 con
Flea Is.
Spoonbills (numerous)
Blue-winged teal "
Western grebe
Marbled godwit.
Scaups dozens
Goldeneye (noted by Alden)
Pintails dozens
Portage Creek, 2.30 P.M.
Canvasback - 75
Spoonbills -
Widgeon - few pairs
Ruddy
Podilymbus
Redheads - a few

1)
June 14
Delta to Winnipeg
E. Ward, Delta, Man.
J.A. Allin " "

Pintails, Ward says most abundant breeding ducks.
Mallards 2nd
Canvasback 3d

Mallards most abundant ducks in fall.

Swans, estimated at 500 in spring and in smaller numbers in fall.

Lesser snow & blue geese stop here in fall as well as spring on migration. Mr. Ward doing [illegible] about this

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2) June 14
Canvas backs stay until about middle of Oct, fide Ward.

Bluewinged teal stay until about end of Oct, fide Ward.

Water level in marsh at Delta about 3 inches higher than last year due to Fairford River dam. This dam was built owing to desire of sportsmen and others, and especially J.F. Bell, 200 Chamber of Commerce, Minneapolis. Blasting Fairford River had lowered level about 1 1/2 feet.

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3 June 14
Ward thinks all ducks except scaups holding their own during migration.
Breeding ducks more numerous than 4 years ago.

Reared 8 blue geese last year. One blue ~~[illegible]~~ laying 5 eggs in farm.

June 15
Neepawa to Winnipegosis
Off 8 AM; arrived 5 PM.
pond)
Minnedosa (5 mi west in rolling hills.
Pintails – about 20
Ruddy – a few
Mallard – several
Scaup – about a dozen
Spoonbill – a few
~~Horned~~ grebe
7 young unfledged
Widgeon – 1 pair
Sandpipers –
Pastured by stock and grazed close to water.

Bluewinged teal at another small lake

June 15
North of Strathclair, pond two miles north.
Canvasback – 2 females one with 10 and the other with 7 yg.
Teal – 2
Spoonbill – 4

Elphinstone (small pond south of),
Canvasback 10
Scaup 3
Teals 6
Spoonbill 4
Widgeon 3

P.W.B. American
Riding Mt. Park. ~~Goldeneye~~ brood
Duck with brownish head, white collar and about 8 young with broad white patch along side of head

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June 16 up to Dauphin and return
Winnipegosis to Snake & Long Islands
Off 8.15 AM. Back 6 PM, in a launch
Franklin gulls.

Snake Island
Goldeneye, 7 red-breasted
Merganser, ~~several~~
Mallard – 1 pr.
Spoonbill
Widgeon 1 pr.
Canvasback 1 pr. – about 37
flock
~~[illegible]~~
Teal
Tree nesting ducks – found nest in three elm trees on Snake Isl. In one a red-breasted merganser sitting on 4 large white eggs and 3 smaller blue-green eggs. One of the others had 14 blue-

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2 June 16, con
green eggs covered with white down. The 3d was a mixed set of about 15, partly blue-green eggs and larger white eggs.
Greater yellowlegs – 1 pair
Turnstone
Herring Gull
Phalarope (Wilsons)
White pelican
Tern – 2 common
Cormorants

Long Island. About 4 miles long and half a mile wide, low ridges along beaches and interior a marsh. Vegetation tall reed grass, ~~and~~ round leaves and other vegetation. Evidently a good breeding colony of ducks.

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3) June 16 con
Long Island opposite,
Canvasback – We put up a flock of about 1000 ducks of which about 400 were canvasbacks. mostly all males
Pintail – Of flock described above about 400 were male pintails
Redhead – Of flock des. above about 100 were redheads
Mallards Of flock described above about 100 were mallards.
Teal – a few
Widgeons – a few
Scaups – a few.
Lesser yellowlegs – one.
Coots – about 25

R. Nelson, Winnipegosis
Capt. of Fourth Service Boat.

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4) June 16
J. Handley, Game & Fishery Officers,
Col. H. J. Stevenson
Director of Forestry Service
Dept. of Mines & Nat. Resources, Winnipeg.

Stevenson told me Lake Winnipegosis ~~[illegible]~~ fell about 4 ft. ~~[illegible]~~ during recent years but has risen about 2 feet. This was practically confirmed by Nelson who says that the water rose about 6 inches last year and about 1 1/2 ft. since last fall. Very heavy snowfall here last winter. About 1916 Lake Winnipegosis was about
(over)

June 17
Dauphin to Wynyard, Sask.
Off 10.40 AM; 7.30 PM

Richardson's Ground Squirrel short distance west of Dauphin.

Notes on ducks see Roll 14, No. 1

Roblin for lunch

Pond west of Roblin
Widgeon, 1 pr

Sharp-tail – narrowly missed, near Assiniboine Riv.
Marshy pond E. of Yorkton
Spoonbills – 1 pr
Gadwall – 1 pr
~~Lesser yellowlegs~~ 6
Black tern 6,
Coot – 6

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2) June 17 con
Pond 4 of A. 8 mi. W. of Yorkton. (Photo Roll 14, No. 2)
Eleven ducks aggregate
Blue-wing teal – 5
Gadwall – 1 pr.
Blue bills – 2 prs
Grebe (red-necked) one,
~~Spoonbill 1 male~~
Pond pastured close to water's edge, but growing up. Fish [illegible] probably helped.

Franklin ground squirrel crossed road 10 mi NW of Yorkton.

Pond near Springside, NW of Yorkton
Green-winged teal, 1
Spoonbill – 2 males
Blue-wing teal, 1

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3) June 17 con
Insinger (near)
Marbled godwit

Ponds with a few teal and scaups, & spoonbills
Marsh hawk.

June 18
Wynyard to Prince Albert arrived 8 PM
Off 7.30 AM. – visited narrows between Quill Lakes had surface and few ducks
At Narrows.
Spoonbill – a few
Pintail – a few
Willets – "
Pond near south shore Quill Lake
One fairly good count recorded by Aldous included 17 gadwalls.
Pond
Bet. Jansen & [illegible]
Spoonbills, 4
Gadwall 1 pr
Widgeon 1 pr.
Pintail 7
Grebes (horned)

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2) June 18. con
Viscount
Willet – noted east of Viscount

Near Meacham
Alkaline lakes wet, no ducks.

Pond near Wakaw
Green-wing – 3
Blue-wing – 15
Spoonbill – 6
Gadwall – 1 pr
area about 2 acres

June 19
At Prince Albert, conferred with R.T. Cook, in charge natural resources and Ernest Jepson,
Jim Wood, Park Supt.
Ernest Jepson, Supervisor of Game Protection of Saskatchewan.

Game & People in Peace River country report that Canada geese southward flight ~~[illegible]~~ north Alberta ~~up~~ on Peace River country a part during past 4 years going west. About that time (50%) geese birds noted on flight way. Regular flight was south through Manitou Lake western Saskatchewan. An unknown

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2) June 19 con
number however were noted on a north-south from a point north of Battleford.

June 20
Prince Albert to Prince Albert National Park
Off 8.15 AM.
Pond encircled by flags,
Widgeon 1 pr.

Pond encircled by flags,
Ruddy 1.

Pond about 8 mi south of Lake Emma, filled thick with pond lilies surrounded by flags & cattails, 4 scaups, 1 pied-billed grebe & 3 yg. Barren type of pond. Photo 4 Roll 14.

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2 June 20
Ponds in Prince Albert Nat. Park contain coontail, Sagittaria, Potamogeton, flags, scirpus,

Ruffed grouse in Park

Lake Emma
Scoter – 50 Horned grebes 20
Redhead – 6 – Western grebe 2
Scaup – 40
Bittern – 1
Loon – 1 with 2 yg.
Ruddy – 1
Cormorant noted in motor boat

Pond north of P.A.
Teal, 1

June 21 Arr. 7 PM
Prince Albert to Regina
Off 8.15, via Saskatoon & Moose Jaw
Large pond south of McDowall.
Filled with yellow pond lilies and bordered by marsh vegetation. Conditions apparently excellent but only duck Scoters, 1 pr.

Pond just north of Rosthern in prairie, surrounded by grass
Mallards – 26 nearly all males, but one duck with about 7 yg.

North of Rosthern we enter prairie land type

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2) June 21 con.
of country with evidence of sand drifting soil onto barren fields. Nearly entire county sown to wheat.

Pond 10 mi. N. of ~~Sask~~ Saskatoon.
Spoonbill, 1 ♂
Widgeon 1 pr.

Pond 10 mi. S. of Saskatoon
Teal – 1 pr.

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3) June 21 con
Pond S. of Hanley
Bare looking of vegetation.
Spoonbills, 2 ♂
Gadwall, 1 pr.
Widgeons, 1 pr.

Pond S. of Hanley
Widgeons, 1 pr

Pond near [illegible]
S. of Hanley
Spoonbill, 1 ♂

Pond north of Davidson
Spoonbill, 1 ♂
Willet, 2

Pond S. of Davidson
Willets, [illegible]

4)
June 21
Pond S. of Aylesbury
Spoonbill, 1 ♂ - 1 Head

Pond S. of Aylesbury
Spoonbills 20
Teal 2
Pintail 3
Lesser Yellowlegs - 6

Pond S. Aylesbury
Spoonbill - 6
Coot - 1
Teal - 2
Gadwall - 1

Lark Bunting

5)
June 21
Pond S. of Chamberlain
Teal, 3

Buffalo Lake
Green-winged teal, 5
Widgeon, 2
Blue-winged - 12
Spoonbills, 15
Scaups, 2
Not as much water since 1928, Much more than last year.
Black tern, 12

June 22
Regina to Moose Jaw and Buffalo Lake with A. E. Etter and ~~Capt.~~ Montague Sidney
✓ Spoonbills 75
✓ Canvasback 8
✓ Redhead 50
✓ Teal 12
Widgeon 80
✓ Scaup 12
Gadwall 12
✓ Ruddy 10
Coot 12
Horned grebe 20
Western Grebe 2
Lake about 15 miles long.
mallard
✓ Pintail 1
above birds seen along about 3/4 mile of shore line
per Etter.
Lake nearly dry last year.

June 23 (Sat.)
Regina working on report until 5.30 P.M. Drove to Moose Jaw to attend annual Banquet of local chapter Sask. Fish and Game League.

June 24 (Sun.)
Regina to Qu'Appelle Lake and return.
Trip with Etter and Mr. Sidney Montague, accompanied in marsh at Ft. Qu'Appelle by Fred Bard.
Marsh, - one of the finest I have seen.

June 25
Record in Regina

June 26
Regina, Sask. to Winnipeg, Man.
Off 8 A.M., arr. 8 P.M.
Richardson's Ground Sq. near Moosomin.
To Manitoba border.
Country dry - grain suffering for water.

June 28
Grand Forks, N. Dak. to Detroit Lakes, Minn. Off 1 P.M. arr. 6 P.M.
C. L. Rudrud, Game Warden of Grand Forks N. Dak.
Ardock Lake, 30 miles from Grand Forks north, about 5 sections of land impounded.
Dam 2600 ft long.
Total cost put 11050 and 12000, of about 7000 was C.W.A. fund.
Blue-wing teal
Spoonbill
Ruddy
Gadwall
Coots

7)
June 28 con
Rudrud says:
Water conditions good until July when country dried up and many losses of eggs.
This cycle ~~drought~~ the earlier third of N. Dak with good fall of snow, Winter spring of [illegible] little or no snow but drought came about Easter with dust storms and high temperatures and ducks who made the [illegible],